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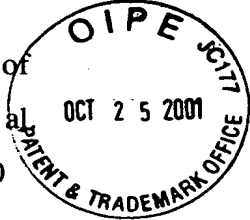
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, applicants hereby elect Group 1, claims 1-13, with traverse. It is respectfully urged that the remaining groups of claims may be rejoined upon allowance of the elected claims, under the Ochiai guidelines, provided that they comply with the criteria for rejoinder.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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